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Satellite motor vehicles

Background

1. A detailed study is being undertaken of the motor vehicle and tractor industries of the European Satellites. Research is being conducted in several directions: applicability of Masat vehicles for military purposes; importance of the export of these commodities to underdeveloped areas of the Free World and to other Bloc countries; internal structure of the industries being studied; and production of vehicles and tractors by model, with an estimate of value of output. Information is desired on any of the above topics, particularly along the lines of the questions listed below.

2. Current reporting indicates that possible sources of the information requested include the following:

a. Czechoslovakia is selling, or arranging to sell its motor vehicles and tractors in the following areas of the Free World: 25X1A2a

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Requirements

1. What is the local selling price of the vehicle? What is the price in the country of origin? (Occasionally available from overt sources)*
 2. What quantities have been imported? When? What are future importing plans?
 3. What is the quality of the product? How well is it adapted to local climate and conditions?*
 4. Does the local distributor maintain a spare parts supply? Are parts readily available?*
 5. Does the supplier meet his delivery schedule? What are the reasons for delay?*
 6. Are factory markings or production data obtainable? If so, such information would be received with enthusiasm by requester.*
- * Cannot be determined from overt sources.

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